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In re Application of:

SHINICHI YAMAMURA, et al.

Docket No. 03500.017426.

Application No.: 10/626,588

Filed: July 25, 2003

Group Art Unit: 2676

Date: June 15, 2004

For: INFORMATION PROCESSING APPARATUS,

INFORMATION PROCESSING METHOD, AND COMPUTER-READABLE MEMORY MEDIUM

STORING PROGRAM FOR REALIZING

THE METHOD

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Sir:

Transmitted herewith is a Preliminary Amendment in the above-identified application.

X No additional fee is required.

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| | Verified Statement claiming small entity status is enclosed, if not filed previously. | | | | |
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| | A check in the amount of \$ is enclosed. | | | | |
| | Charge \$ to Deposit Account No. 06-1205. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed | | | | |
| X | Any prior general authorization to charge an issue fee under 37 C.F.R. 1.18 to Deposit Account No. 06 1205 is hereby revoked. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees under 37 C.F.R. 1.16 and 1.17 which may be required during the entire pendency of this application, or to credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 06-1205. A duplicate copy of this paper is enclosed. | | | | |
| | A check in the amount of \$ to cover the fee for a month extension is enclosed. | | | | |
| | A check in the amount of \$ to cover the Information Disclosure Statement fee is enclosed. | | | | |
| X | Applicants' undersigned attorney may be reached in our Costa Mesa, California office by telephone at (714) 540-8700. All correspondence should continue to be directed to our address given below. | | | | |
| | Respectfully submitted, | | | | |
| | Attorney for Applicants | | | | |
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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

Prior to examination, please amend the above-identified application as

follows: